
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
CITY CHARTER

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE POWERS

Section 1: Incorporation and Corporate Powers

The municipal corporation now existing and known as “The City of San Diego” shall continue to be a municipal corporation under the same name, with the boundaries as now established or as may hereafter be legally established. Such municipal corporation shall have perpetual succession, may use a corporate seal; may sue and defend in all courts and places, and in all matters and proceedings whatever; may own and acquire property within or without its boundaries for either governmental or proprietary, or any municipal purpose, either by succession, annexation, purchase, devise, lease, gift or condemnation, and may sell, lease, convey, exchange, manage and dispose of the same as the interests of said City may require; receive bequests, donations and gifts of all kinds of property within and without The City of San Diego in fee simple or in trust for charitable or other purposes, and do all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of such gifts, bequests and donations; may own and operate public utility systems, including the joint or sole operation and ownership of utilities for the purchase, development, and supply of water and electrical power for the use of the City and its inhabitants and others; and generally shall have all municipal powers, functions, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and nature whatsoever now or hereafter authorized to be granted to municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of the State of California.

Section 2: Powers under Constitution and General Laws

The City of San Diego, in addition to any of the powers now held by or that may hereafter be granted to it under the Constitution or Laws of this State, shall have the right and power to make and enforce all laws and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, subject only to the restrictions and limitations provided in this Charter; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent or restrict the City from exercising, or consenting to, and the City is hereby authorized to exercise any and all rights, powers and privileges heretofore or hereafter granted or prescribed by General Laws of the State.

Section 2.1: Prohibition on Construction, Operation or Maintenance of Facilities Related to Offshore Drilling

Neither the City Council nor any officer or employee of the City shall take any action, or permit any action to be taken, which directly or indirectly authorizes or permits the construction, operation or maintenance of any pipeline within the City for the transmission of any crude oil or natural gas taken or removed from any offshore crude oil or natural gas drilling or pumping operations within 100 nautical miles of the coastline of the County of San Diego; nor shall the City Council or any officer or employee of the City take any action, or permit any action to be taken, which directly or indirectly authorizes or permits the construction, operation or maintenance of any commercial or industrial facility within the City, including but not necessarily limited to crude oil or natural gas storage facilities, which operated directly or indirectly in support of any offshore crude oil or natural gas drilling or pumping operations within 100 nautical miles of the coastline of the County of San Diego.

(Addition voted 11-4-1986; effective 12-8-1986.)

Section 3: Extent of Municipal Jurisdiction

The municipal jurisdiction of The City of San Diego shall extend to the limits and boundaries of said City and over the tidelands and waters of the Bay of San Diego, and into the Pacific Ocean to the extent of one Marine League. In addition thereto The City of San Diego shall have the right and power to prepare and adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the regulation, use, and government of the water system of The City of San Diego, both within and without the territorial limits of said City, and such rules and regulations having been adopted by Ordinance, shall have the force and effect of law.